

## **THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

### **MEETING OF THE INTERIM SUB-EXECUTIVE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES October 10, 2006 (Teleconference Call)**

The Interim Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada met from 11:00 a.m. until 11:50 a.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2006, by teleconference call. The Moderator, The Right Reverend David Giuliano, presided.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Voting Members**

Debra Bowman, Cindy Desilets, Dwaine Dornan, David Giuliano, Heather Leffler, Paul Reed, Peter Short, Jim Sinclair, Tarance Whiteye

##### **Corresponding Members**

Bruce Gregersen, Carol Hancock, Mary May

**Regrets:** Anne-Marie Carmoy, Scott Parsons, Charles (Chuck) Scott, Allan Sinclair, Ian Fraser, Janet McDonald, Kim Uyede-Kai.

Jim informed everyone of the arrival of Scott Parsons' baby boy named William Russell Parsons. The Moderator invited members to reflect on their thanksgiving weekend and to describe where they were physically at the time of the call. The meeting was opened with prayer.

#### **CONSTITUTING THE MEETING**

"Au nom de Notre Seigneur, Jésus-Christ, seul chef souverain de l'Église, et par l'autorité qui m'a été conférée par le 39<sup>ième</sup> Conseil général, je déclare ouvert, par la présente, le sous-exécutif du Conseil général et ses travaux dans l'intérêt du Royaume de Dieu."

"In the Name of Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, and by the authority vested in me by the 39th General Council, I hereby declare this meeting of the Interim Sub-Executive of the General Council to be in session for the work that may properly be brought before it to the glory of God."

#### **PROCEDURAL MOTIONS**

##### **Corresponding Members**

**Motion: Jim Sinclair/ Dwaine Dornan**

**2006-10-10-010**

That General Council Ministers Bruce Gregersen, Carol Hancock, and Mary May, Program Coordinator, Financial Services in the Support to Local Ministries Unit be made corresponding members for this meeting, and that Terry Beaumont be the recording secretary for this meeting of the Interim Sub-Executive.

**Carried**

##### **Minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council**

**Motion: Jim Sinclair/ Peter Short**

**2006-10-10-011**

That the minutes of the Interim Sub-Executive of the General Council for June 28, 2006 be adopted as circulated

**Carried**

**Minutes of the Interim Sub-Executive of the General Council**

**Motion: Jim Sinclair/Cindy Desilets**

**2006-10-10-012**

That the minutes of the Interim Sub Executive for September 12, 2006 be corrected and adopted as circulated.

(Adding Bruce Gregersen as corresponding member)

**Carried**

**Sale of The United Church of Canada Bamfield, B.C. Property**

Mary May gave updated information on the sale and the physical layout of the property. She noted that they have received another offer of \$1 million. Mary May's advice to the Interim Sub Executive is to delay on the sale of the property until more information can be gathered.

Bruce Gregersen's recommendation is to decline the offer and to take no further action on the sale of the property for at least three months. There are many factors to take into consideration on the future disposition of this matter, including the need for dollars to support Real Property work, including on First Nations property in BC and elsewhere.

Deb Bowman mentioned that one of the reasons for the offers could be the need for developers to build a fishing resort. Mary May noted that one of the offers mentioned that they would update the manse; the other mentioned they would use the property for a condominium development.

The question was raised if there was still a congregation at Bamfield. At the moment the congregation has disbanded. Deb mentions that a delay would raise the question of liability for the people on the land. We cannot delay indefinitely.

Mary May will advise the two interested buyers when we are ready to put the Bamfield property back on the market. Dale Gillard is the Presbytery contact and will be monitoring the bank account of the property. Mary May to monitor the situation and inform Dale of the any new developments.

The Moderator left the call; Peter Short assumed the role of chair.

**Motion: Debra Bowman/ Cindy Desilets**

**2006-10-10-013**

That the Interim Sub-Executive declines the offer to purchase the Bamfield property and to inform other interested parties that the property will not be listed for at least another three months.

**Carried**

Mary May left the call.

**Role of Parliamentarian at GCE**

**2006-10-10-014**

**Agreed** by all present to continue the existing appointment of the present Parliamentarian, Paul Reed until a new person is appointed through the Nomination process.

Please note that Paul Reed abstained.

**Closing**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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Moderator, David Giuliano

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General Secretary, Jim Sinclair